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LOADMASTER CAPTURES HISTORY OF CHARLESTON AFB

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. – A member of Team Charleston has spent the past year-and-a-half collecting military related memorabilia, capturing the history of Charleston AFB.

Tech. Sgt. Alec McGuyver, 317th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, said his vision is to see his collection grow into a small museum to be enjoyed by members of CAFB and the surrounding community.

McGuyver has collected a wide array of memorabilia, ranging from the heritage of the 317 AS and history of the C-17s and C-141s, to Military Airlift Command treasures. Everything collected is displayed in several trophy cases at the 317 AS building.

"This really stemmed from a combination of my duties as a historian and my general interest in military history," said McGuyver.

McGuyver emphasized the importance of military history and what an important job the squadron historians have.

"It's a thankless job, but it's important," said McGuyver. "It's the grass roots of how our country has evolved since we've gained our independence, and how the will and might of our people has made the country as great as it is today."

Jeryl Krause, 437th Operation Support Squadron flight records superintendent, will retire in a couple of weeks, after 22 years at CAFB, and wants to see McGuyver's vision live on.

"The purpose is to make available an increased visibility of military life and the important part our military people have played in our history," said Krause. "It's really a visual reminder.

"I'd like to see people donate things they might have inherited or found in an old attic to (McGuyver) instead of putting it out on the side of the street with the garbage," continued Krause, an ex-pilot who has been with Air Mobility Command all his life. Krause said he was impressed with the work McGuyver has put into the displays and hopes everyone will come out and support his efforts.

"I think the subject (of history) is important," said Krause, "because, now in this time of increase patriotism as a result of 9/11, people are more aware of the military and are appreciative.

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“There’s no telling the value of all the things in here, but when it comes to an emotional value, it really is priceless,” continued Krause.

McGuyver said he is always looking for donations to add to the collections. If unable to donate, he said he would also gladly accept items on loan and display them, giving appropriate credit to those who make the donations.

According to McGuyver, anyone interested in seeing the displays is welcome to come and view them anytime.

“I think that people will like the fact that there’s such a large span of period portrayed with all the different cabinets and just the general theme of military history,” said McGuyver.

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